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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
Town of Thornton, N. H.

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1946

Moderator—Frank J. Avery

Town Clerk—Irma Sullivan

Town Treasurer—Irma Sullivan

Selectmen—Richard T. Bradley, Kenneth W. Robbins,
Clayton S. Ham

Tax Collector—Ida M. Horner

Overseer of Poor—Ralph Steele

Auditors—Nellie Adams, Olive Benton

Supervisors of Check List—Ralph Steele, Fred Adams,
Clarence Downing

Road Agent—District No. 1, John Rivers
District No. 2, Scott Benton
District No. 3, Fred Adams

Health Officer—Ralph Steele

Fire Wardens—Bert Benton, Lester Bradley, Spencer
Ham, Carl Broad

Library Trustees—Frances Avery, Christie Caldon

Police Officer—Ralph Steele

Superintendent of Cemeteries—Scott Benton

Trustees of Trust Funds—Scott Benton, Kenneth
Robbins, Glenroy Howland

State Representative—Ida M. Horner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Thornton on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see what sum of money will be raised for Highways and Bridges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.
4. To see what sum of money will be raised for Class V Roads, and make appropriation of the same.
5. To see what sum of money will be raised for Libraries, above what the law requires.
6. To see what sum of money will be raised for Memorial Day.
7. To see what sum of money will be raised for care of the Poor, and make appropriation of the same.
8. To see what sum of money will be raised for Old Age Assistance and make appropriation of the same.
9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money in anticipation of Taxes.
10. To see if the Town will vote to allow 3% discount on Taxes paid before September first.
11. To see what sum of money will be raised and appropriated for the care of all Cemeteries excepting Mad River.

12. To see what sum of money will be raised and appropriated for the care of Mad River Cemetery, over and above the income received from the Walter Lee Trust.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45.00 for the White Mountains Region Association.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to fight the White Pine Blister Rust.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to rebuild culverts on Mill Brook Road.

16. To see what is the best procedure to follow in calling for assistance from outside of Town in cases of fire, and to determine the Town's responsibility.

17. To see if the Town will vote to designate the last Tuesday in January at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, as the time, and the office of the Town Auditors, as the place, and require all Town Officials or their representatives to be present with their books, records and Reports to be audited. And further, to require the names of all Officials who fail to be represented, to be published in the annual Town Report. All the foregoing to be effective until otherwise voted.

18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate not exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars, for a World War II Memorial, to be suitably incorporated with the present World War I Memorial, and at the same location.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for machinery to prepare roads for outlaying T. R. A. funds.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 to tar one mile of the Gore Road.

21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

RICHARD L. BRADLEY,
KENNETH W. ROBBINS,
CLAYTON S. HAM,

Selectmen of Thornton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

RICHARD L. BRADLEY,
KENNETH W. ROBBINS,
CLAYTON S. HAM,

Selectmen of Thornton.

Budget of the

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947 Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946.

* Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes".

† Cash Surplus equals Excess of actual Cash on Hand at close of fiscal year over Current Liabilities, i.e., Balance of Appropriation due School District, Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes and Accounts Payable.

Sources of Revenue

	Actual 1946	Estimated 1947
From State		
Interest and dividends tax	\$ 128.82	\$ 128.82
Railroad tax	58.17	58.17
Savings bank tax	137.68	137.68
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	996.75	996.75
National forest reserve	508.91	635.49
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Interest received on taxes and deposits	88.25	
Income from trust funds	33.34	80.00
(a) highway, including rental of equipment	65.50	
Motor vehicle permit fees	429.16	400.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes		
(a) Poll taxes— regular @ \$2	358.00	358.00
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	\$ 2,804.58	\$ 2,794.91
*Amount to be raised by property taxes		<u>\$17,368.03</u>
Total revenues		\$20,162.94

Town of Thornton

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government

Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,101.50	\$ 1,000.00
Town officers' expenses	218.11	250.00
Election and registration expenses	96.00	50.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	149.37	300.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Fire department	106.50	100.00
Moth extermination, blister rust		400.00

Health

Vital statistics	9.00	9.00
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Highways and Bridges

Town maintenance, summer	1,709.75	2,000.00
Town maintenance, winter	2,047.36	2,000.00
General expenses of highway dept.	926.52	500.00
Town road aid	278.50	265.02

Libraries

	40.00	50.00
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Public Welfare

Town poor	94.00	100.00
Old age assistance	1,045.52	1,200.00

Patriotic Purposes

Memorial day and Veterans' Asso	7.20	10.00
War Memorial	10.00	500.00

Public Service Enterprises

Cemeteries	100.00	75.00
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Unclassified

Advertising and Regional Asso.	43.60	45.00
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Highways and Bridges

Town construction	1,500.00	2,400.00
Cemetery	44.00	

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

County taxes	908.92	908.92
Payments to school districts	6,845.75	8,000.00

Total expenditures	\$17,946.43	\$20,162.94
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INVENTORY OF TOWN OF THORNTON

Land and buildings	\$403,975.00
Growing wood and timber	39,080.00
Horses, 43	4,750.00
Other neat stock, 44	3,400.00
Cows, 141	13,635.00
Sheep and goats, 46	460.00
Fowls, 400	400.00
Portable mills, 3	1,200.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	3,610.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	655.00
Stock in trade	900.00
Total valuation	<u>\$472,065.00</u>
Exclusive of soldiers' exemptions and exemptions to blind	
Total valuation	\$464,065.00
Poll taxes, 237 @ \$2.00	\$ 474.00
Total amount of taxes to be committed to collector including town and precinct taxes, poll taxes, and National bank stock taxes	\$15,324.08
Average rate of taxation per one hundred dollars valuation for all purposes	3.20
Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers	\$ 8,000.00
Number of inventories sent out	265
Number of inventories returned	98

TOWN PROPERTY

Town house	\$ 1,000.00
Tool house	400.00
School houses	3,000.00
Equipment of schools	1,000.00
Equipment of town house	50.00
Fire department	100.00
Two tractors and one plow	1,500.00
Sanding machine	150.00
Snow blade	75.00
Roading machine	50.00
Snow fence	100.00
Electric drill	50.00
George Ripley homestead	900.00
Carrie Royce lot	50.00
Robert Hazeltine lot	200.00
Owner unknown (wood lot)	100.00
	<hr/> \$ 8,725.00

SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS

Clarence B. Downing	\$ 1,000.00
Glenroy M. Howland	1,000.00
Nathaniel Hartwell	1,000.00
Joseph Holub	1,000.00
Franklin H. Haynes	1,000.00
Howard B. Downing	500.00
Frank Karp	1,000.00
Roger F. Steele—Frank E. Steele	950.00
Thomas E. Downing	500.00
Amos J. Avery	200.00
Kenneth Haynes	200.00
Lester Sabourne	900.00
Robert Haynes	50.00
Mrs. Carl Wescott	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$10,300.00

Statement of Assets

Assets	
Cash on hand, Treasurer's report	\$ 6,718.94
War bonds, scrap metal drive	153.40
Due from State	
Joint highway construction account	666.51
Bear bounties, 10	50.00
Hedgehog bounties, 58	29.00
Uncollected Taxes	
Levy of 1946	1,903.84
Levy of 1945	63.17
Previous years	70.00
Unredeemed Taxes	
Levy of 1945	125.11
Previous years	27.36
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	\$ 9,807.33

Comparative Statement of

Title of Appropriation	Amount
Town officers' salaries	\$ 1,000.00
Town officers' expenses	250.00
Election and registration	
Town hall, other buildings	100.00
Fire department	100.00
Vital statistics	4.50
Highways and bridges maintenance	4,000.00
Town road aid	278.50
Libraries	50.00
Town poor	100.00
Old age assistance	750.00
Memorial Day	10.00
Care of cemeteries	75.00
Highway construction	1,500.00
Highway rent of bulldozer	500.00
Veterans contribution	10.00
County tax	908.92
White Mt. Region Association	43.60

and Liabilities

Liabilities

Bills Outstanding	
Richard Bradley, selectman	\$ 150.00
Ethel Shores, library	12.00
John Rivers, December work	131.30
Due to State	
Special poll tax (uncollected)	36.00
Due Mill Brook Road	
Unexpended balance appropriation	835.17
Due Gore Road	
Special appropriation	500.00
Due Cemetery Improvement	
Unexpended balance appropriation	227.29
Due School District	
Dog licenses 1946	159.00
Balance appropriation	5,041.61
Excess—Assets over liabilities	2,714.96
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	\$ 9,807.33

Appropriations and Expenditures

Expenditures	Balance	Overdraft
\$ 951.50	\$ 48.50	
218.11	31.89	
96.00		96.00
149.37		49.37
106.50		6.50
9.00		4.50
4,683.63		683.63
278.50		
40.00	10.00	
94.00	6.00	
1,045.52		295.52
7.20	2.80	
100.00		25.00
664.83	835.17	
	500.00	
10.00		
908.92		
43.60		

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1946

Cash on hand January 1, 1946	\$ 5,324.77
Received from Selectmen	2,039.65
From dog licenses	159.00
From auto permits	429.16
Received from tax collector, 1942 tax	2.00
Received from tax collector, 1943 tax	17.24
Received from tax collector, 1944 tax	69.31
Received from tax collector, 1945 tax	2,063.79
Received from tax collector, 1946 tax	13,033.17
Received from tax collector, 1921 refund	54.05
Received from tax collector, 1926 refund	44.30
Received from tax collector, 1932 refund	44.50
Received from tax collector, 1933 refund	36.42
Received from tax collector, 1934 refund	51.11
Received from tax collector, 1935 refund	53.22
Received from tax collector, 1936 refund	39.36
Received from tax collector, 1937 refund	40.81
Received from tax collector, 1942 refund	42.37
Received from tax collector, 1945 refund	27.60
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	\$23,571.83
Total payments	\$16,852.89
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Cash on hand December 31, 1946	\$ 6,718.94

IRMA SULLIVAN,

Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S RECEIPTS

December 31, 1946

From State Treasurer

National forest reserve	\$ 508.91
Reimbursement, Federal lands	996.75
Savings bank tax	137.68
Railroad tax	58.17
Interest and dividends tax	128.82
Hedgehog bounties (1945)	35.00
Bear bounties (1945)	45.00

From Rent of Town Property

Snow plowing services	65.50
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From Ayer Insurance Agency

Policy cancelled, Boyce place	9.52
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From Sale of Culverts

K. W. Robbins	37.20
R. B. Kendall	17.10
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	\$ 2,039.65

SELECTMEN'S PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Kenneth Robbins	\$ 150.00
Clayton Ham	175.00
Frank Avery, moderator (2)	30.00
Irma Sullivan, clerk and treasurer	200.00
Irma Sullivan, auto commissions	49.50
Ida Horner, tax collector	200.00
Ralph Steele, police	25.00
Ralph Steele, overseer of poor	8.00
Nellie Adams, auditor	5.00
Olive Benton, auditor	5.00
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	\$ 951.50

Town Officers' Expenses

Auto Guide book	4.50
Auditing expense	1.61
Mailing town reports	4.77
Dog tags	6.66
Printing town reports	88.55
Payment sheets and supplies	11.05
F. J. Shores, transfers	13.87
A. D. Proctor, probate	.30
Ida Horner, expenses	30.93
K. W. Robbins, expenses	8.87
Assessors Association	10.00
Town clerk's association	2.00
Clayton Ham, expenses	35.00
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	\$ 218.11

Election and Registration

Ralph Steele, supervisor	30.00
Fred Adams, supervisor	30.00
Florence Steele, ballot clerk	8.00
Melvin Adams, ballot clerk	12.00
Eva Gray, ballot clerk	4.00
Olive Benton, ballot clerk	8.00
Ida Horner, ballot clerk	4.00
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	\$ 96.00

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Steele's Garage, wire for town hall	6.65
K. W. Robbins, wiring town hall	30.71

K. W. Robbins, voting booths	16.01	
N. H. Elect. Cooperative	15.50	
Noyes Agency, insurance town hall	50.00	
K. W. Robbins, lock and 3 keys	2.50	
Insurance, Ripley place	28.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 149.37

Fire Department

Plymouth Fire Dept.,		
Red Top Camps	78.50	
North Woodstock Fire Dept.	28.00	
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Bounties

Richard Bradley	\$ 21.00	
Kenneth Robbins	32.50	
Clayton Ham	25.50	
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Vital Statistics

Irma Sullivan	\$ 9.00	
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Highways and Bridges

Town		\$ 278.50
John Rivers, summer work	\$ 684.40	
John Rivers, winter work	674.96	
Scott Benton, summer work	430.75	
Scott Benton, winter work	194.40	
Fred Adams, summer work	508.20	
Fred Adams, winter work	205.90	
Clayton Ham, plowing	1,058.50	
State of N. H. Sandwich Notch	300.00	
Steele's Garage	131.78	
Clayton Ham, hauling salt	40.00	
Chase Mill, salt	60.60	
Yeaton Mill, plank	53.05	
Clayton Ham, hauling plank	14.00	
Medos Fountain, bridge	12.00	
Clayton Ham, bridge	8.00	
Spencer Ham, bridge	8.00	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	284.09	
Floyd Boyce, expenses to Maine	12.00	
Clarence Downing, watering trough	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,683.63

Libraries

Frances Avery, library books	\$	40.00
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Public Welfare

State of N. H., old age assistance	\$	1,045.52
Clayton Ham, town poor, Scott account		94.00

Memorial Day and Veterans

Scott Benton, flags	\$	7.20
Mable Kendall, dance		10.00
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	\$	17.20

Town Cemeteries

Scott Benton, Pine Grove	\$	75.00
Roy Sawyer, Mad River		25.00
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	\$	100.00

White Mt. Region Association	\$	43.60
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Taxes bought by town and land sale	\$	151.56
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New Construction and Improvements

Cemetery improvements	\$	44.00
Mill Brook tarring job		664.83
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	\$	708.83

Special \$3.00 poll tax to state	\$	325.90
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Taxes paid to County treasurer	\$	908.92
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Irma Sullivan, school money	\$	6,845.75
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Warrant, Levy of 1943

Debit

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1946:

Property taxes	\$ 10.95
Poll taxes	4.00

Added Taxes:

Poll tax	2.00
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Interest Collected during fiscal year

ended December 31, 1946	2.29
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Total debits	\$ 19.24
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Credit

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal year
ended December 31, 1946:

Property taxes	\$ 10.95
Poll taxes	4.00
Interest collected during year	2.29
Abatements made during year	2.00

Total credits	\$ 19.24
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1944

Debit

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1946:

Property taxes	\$	56.00
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00		28.00
Poll taxes, special @ \$3.00		42.00

Interest collected during fiscal year

ended December 31, 1946	8.31
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Added Taxes:

Poll tax, regular @ \$2.00	2.00
Poll tax, special @ \$3.00	3.00

Total debits	\$	139.31
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Credit

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal year

ended December 31, 1946:

Property taxes	\$	14.00
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00		20.00
Poll taxes, special @ \$3.00		27.00
Interest collected during year		8.31

Uncollected taxes as per collectors' list:

Property taxes	\$	42.00
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00		10.00
Poll taxes, special @ \$3.00		18.00

Total credits	\$	139.31
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1945

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1946:

Property taxes	\$ 1,705.55
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00	144.00
Poll taxes, special @ \$3.00	222.00

Added taxes:

Property taxes	15.50
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00	2.00
Poll taxes, special @ \$3.00	3.00

Interest collected during fiscal year ended December 31, 1946	66.61
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Total debits	\$ 2,158.66
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Credits

Remittances to treasurer during fiscal year
ended December 31, 1946:

Property taxes	\$ 1,666.18
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00	130.00
Poll taxes, special @ \$3.00	201.00
Interest collected during year	66.61
Abatements made during year	31.70
Uncollected taxes as per collector's list	63.17

Total credits	\$ 2,158.66
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1946

Debit

Taxes committed to collector:	
Property taxes	\$14,850.08
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00	474.00

Total warrant	\$15,324.08
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Added taxes:

Property taxes	62.40
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00	4.00
Interest collected	11.04

Total debits	\$15,401.52
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Credit

Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$12,664.13
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00	358.00
Interest collected	11.04
Discount allowed	298.73
Abatements	165.78

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property taxes	\$ 1,797.84
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2.00	106.00

Total credits	\$ 1,903.84
	\$15,401.52

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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Summary of Tax Sales Account as of December 31, 1946

Debit

	Tax Sale on	Account of	Levy of:
	1945	1944	1942

Taxes sold to town during
current fiscal year \$ 129.14

Balance of unredeemed taxes

January 1, 1946	\$	27.36	\$	28.76
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Interest collected after sale	1.15			13.61
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Redemption costs	22.42			
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Total debits	\$	152.71	\$	27.36	\$	42.37
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Credit

Remittances to treasurer

during year	\$	27.60		\$	42.37
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Unredeemed taxes, at
close of year

125.11	27.36
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Total credits	\$	152.71	\$	27.36	\$	42.37
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SUMMARY REPORT

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE

	Summer	Winter
Dist. No. 1 Agent's time sheets	\$ 684.40	\$ 806.26
Dist. No. 2 Agent's time sheets	430.75	194.40
Dist. No. 3 Agent's time sheets	508.20	205.90
Snow plowing, Dist. No. 2 and 3		1,058.50
Total of summer and winter	\$ 1,623.35	\$ 2,264.06
Total agents' expenses (above)		\$ 3,887.41
General Expenses		
Sandwich Notch		\$ 300.00
Garage work		131.78
Salt and hauling		100.60
Plank and hauling		67.05
West Thornton bridge		28.00
Culverts		284.09
Floyd Boyce, trip to Maine		12.00
Watering trough		3.00
		\$ 4,813.93
Less credit, culvert sold		54.30
Total cost town roads		\$ 4,759.63
Average outlay per mile	\$ 317.31.	
*Average cost per mile, summer Districts	\$	108.23
*Average cost per mile, winter Districts,	\$	150.94
*Does not include General Expense.		
Town Roads 1946 - 15 miles.		

REPORT TARRING MILL BROOK ROAD

Special appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
State grader	\$	87.10
Tar		532.43
Road agent and truck		45.30
Balance unexpended		835.17
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	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

The appropriation was estimated to tar one mile of road. Only six-tenth of a mile completed, because two old culverts should be re-built before proceeding further with tar.

The budget for this year provides for an appropriation for these culverts.

REPORT
THORNTON GORE T. R. A. CONSTRUCTION

Balance 1945 account		\$	19.91
State apportionment, 1946			1,114.00
Town's share			278.50
Special appropriation for bulldozer			500.00
Bulldozer work	\$	731.50	
Labor		14.40	
Balance unexpended, with state		666.51	
Balance unexpended, with town		500.00	
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	\$	1,912.41	\$ 1,912.41

State Highway Department will loan machinery to finish this job this Spring.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

District No. 1, Mad River, Anderson Hill

January-March 1946	Summer	Winter
John Rivers		\$ 521.90
Robert Rivers		126.20
Truman Heath		3.60
Walter Johnson		2.50
Albert Lamson		6.00
Carl Broad		9.00
Alec Gero		1.00
Eliza Haynes		1.40
Gasoline		3.36

April-September 1946		
John Rivers	\$ 425.20	
Robert Rivers	217.60	
Harold Edgell	26.50	
Gasoline	4.40	
Alec Gero	1.00	
Clif Harding	3.70	
Billy Drake	3.00	
Harold Rodgers	3.00	
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	\$ 684.40	\$ 674.96

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT
District No. 2—Mill Brook Valley
Winter Road, Scott Benton, Agent

January 1 to April 1

Sanding, thawing culverts, taking down snow fence

November 1 to December 31

Putting up snow fence, cleaning ditches, putting out sand.

Scott Benton, and truck	\$ 111.20
Scott Benton, Jr.	16.20
Richard Howard	14.40
Charles Benton	8.60
Everett Steele	5.60
Lawrence Shores	4.80
Clifton Shores	8.40
Bert Benton	19.20
Eliza Haynes, sand	6.00

\$ 194.40

Orders drawn **\$ 194.40**

Summer Road

Scott Benton, team and truck	\$ 242.10
Everett Steele	16.80
Spencer Ham	42.35
Clayton Ham and tractor	69.90
Bert Benton	30.30
Roger Steele	.70
Charles Benton	5.60
Charles Kimball, tractor (mowing bushes)	16.00
Eliza Haynes, gravel	3.20
Lyman Boyce, gravel	3.80

\$ 430.75

Orders drawn **\$ 430.75**

District No. 3—"Gore" All West Side, Summer Account
Fred Adams, Road Agent
Year Ending December 31, 1946

Smith Merrill and truck	\$ 81.10
Donald Merrill	30.70
Clayton Ham and tractor	73.00
Spencer Ham	19.95
Fred Adams	170.80
Bert Avery, gravel	4.00
Bert Avery and truck	36.00
Nelson Brown	5.40
George Adams	30.50
Lawrence Downing and team	28.50
Frank Avery, supplies	5.95
Will Avery, supplies	3.50
Eliza Haynes, gravel	4.40
Russell Cochrane	14.04
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Total	\$ 508.20
 Amount drawn from town	 \$ 508.20

District No. 3—Sanding
Year Ending December 31, 1946

Smith Merrill and truck	\$ 100.50
Donald Merrill	18.00
Eliza Haynes, gravel	7.40
Fred Adams	51.60
Clayton Ham	1.40
George Adams	25.20
Stanley Adams	1.80
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Total	\$ 205.90
Amount drawn from town	\$ 205.90

CEMETERY REPORT

Scott Benton, Superintendent

Mowing and care, Pine Grove Cemetery	\$	75.00
Mowing and care, Mad River Cemetery		25.00
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(Paid to Roy J. Sawyer)	\$	100.00

The income from the Lee Estate for Mad River Cemetery amounts to \$ 16.67 this year, and is held by Roy J. Sawyer, Caretaker.

Report of Improvements to Cemeteries

Special appropriation (1945) balance	\$	271.29
Paid for fertilizer	\$	44.00
Balance unexpended on hand		227.29
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	\$	271.29
	\$	271.29

AUDITORS' REPORT

Having examined the accounts of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Road Agents, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched for the year ending December 31, 1946.

OLIVE BENTON,

NELLIE ADAMS,

Auditors.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

January 28, 1947

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 9, 1946	\$	1.52
May Received from selectmen		25.00
July Received from selectmen		15.00
Nov. Interest from Lee Estate		16.67
Dues from librarian		3.56

Total receipts	\$	61.75
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Payments

Books from H. R. Huntting Co.	\$	58.79
Magazines		21.21

Total payments	\$	58.79
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Cash on hand, January 28, 1947	\$	2.96
	\$	61.75

FRANCES AVERY,
Library Trustee.

LIBRARY REPORT

Number of books circulated	1057
Number of bookmobile circulated	243
Magazines circulated	192
Number of books purchased	23
Number of books given from state aid	18
Received from fines	\$ 3.56

VERA HAZELTINE,

Librarian

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Thornton, N. H., on December 31, 1946.

Date of Creation	PURPOSE OF CREATION Care of Cemetery Lots	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Int.	Balance of Income Ist of Year	Income During Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income End of Year
Jan. 12, 1929	Leonard Durgin by Dora James	Plymouth Guar Savings Bank	\$100.00	2%	18.18	2.39	3.00	17.57
Jan. 12, 1929	Albert Barnard by Clara Merrill	"	100.00	"	18.94	2.30	3.00	13.24
Jan. 12, 1929	Houston and Carleton by Wm. Houston	"	150.00	"	40.90	3.82	5.00	39.72
Jan. 12, 1929	John Colby by Emma Smith	"	50.00	"	4.62	1.09	1.00	4.71
Apr. 1, 1936	Dana Fadden, Sr. by James Fadden	"	100.00	"	7.46	2.18	2.50	7.14
Apr. 1, 1936	E. C. Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	"	50.00	"	2.41	1.06	1.00	2.47
Apr. 1, 1936	A. C. & Daniel Moulton by Enna Moulton	"	200.00	"	20.46	4.45	5.00	19.91
May 26, 1936	John Burleigh by Abbie Burleigh	"	100.00	"	5.77	2.12	2.00	5.89
Oct. 13, 1936	Mason & Smith by Frances Smith	"	75.00	"	3.73	1.60	2.00	3.33
Jan. 31, 1940	Daniel James by Melvina Gilman	"	50.00	"	1.78	1.02	2.00	.80
May 24, 1940	Romanzo & John Johnson by Romanzo Johnson	"	100.00	"	3.86	2.08	3.00	2.94
Feb. 27, 1941	Harry & Will Emmons by Geo Morrill and Frances Emmons	"	200.00	"	8.73	4.21	5.00	7.94
Nov. 3, 1941	John Elkins & John Richards by Susan Elkins	"	100.00	"	3.17	2.08	2.00	3.25
Jan. 30, 1943	Warren Moulton by Annie Moulton	"	50.00	"	2.74	1.04		3.78
June 16, 1943	Charles and Jonathan Gordon by Grace Gordon	"	100.00	"	4.40	2.08		6.48
July 11, 1944	Campbell and Bowles by Mrs. Bertha Bowles	"	100.00	"	.34	.40		.74
Mar. 12, 1946	Alfred M. Dame by Alfred M. Dame	"	100.00	"	1.04	2.02	1.00	2.06
Oct. 10, 1944	Mad River Cemetery Fund by Walter I. Lee	"	2000	"		16.67	16.67	
Oct. 11, 1945	West Thornton Library Fund by Walter I. Lee	"	2000	"		16.67	16.67	
Nov. 6, 1946	Margaret Smith Fund by Margaret Smith	"	500.00	"	43.30		20.00	23.30
TOTALS			6225.00		186.83	69.28	90.84	165.27

KENNETH W. ROBBINS
GLENROY M. HOWLAND, } Trustees.
SCOTT A. BENTON }

Births Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1946

Date of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex, Cond		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
		Male	Female							
Feb 25	Ellen Louise	F	L	2W Charles L Kimball	Irene Louise Jenkins	W	Thornton	Farmer	North Woodstock	Newark N J
May 2	Joanne Marie	F	L	4W Eric Robt Anderson	Olive F Littlefield	W	Thornton	Lineman	Newark N J	Woodstock
July 16	Charles Leonard	M	L	1W Charles L Robertson	Dorothy G Downing	W	Thornton	Painter	Thornton	Thornton
Aug 21	Hilda Marlene	F	L	2W Franklin H Haynes	Janet E Buntley	W	Thornton	Gen labor	Thornton	Voalde Ga
Sep 21	Bruce Douglas	M	L	2W Robert F Bennett	Gertrude Alexander	W	Thornton	Restaurant	Roxbury Mass	Granville Mass
Nov 17	Robert Carl	M	L	2W Robert A Flanders	Beatrice Olive Grey	W	Thornton	Office work	New Hampton	Partlett
Nov 18	David Orrin	M	L	2W Herbert David Ward	Francis Snell	W	Thornton	Machine operator	Bellows Falls Vt	Alabama

Marriages Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1946

Date—1946	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Times Married	Name residence and official station of person by whom married
May 13	Rumney	Oscar H Inkell Elva Ella Carpenter	Thornton Plymouth	27 W	W	Electrician	Rumney	Harmidorse Inkell Sadie Dusharm	Canada Westfield Vt	Retired Housewife	1	Leslie L Bunker Justice of Peace
June 21	Campton	James R Madison Marjorie M O'Hearn	Thornton Campton	21 W 24 W	W W	Stenographer Mill hand	Dover	Morris E Carpenter Zelma B Randall	Warren Wentworth	Farmer Housewife	1	Rumney
Aug 2	North Haverhill	Ray Charles Bean Arlene A Hopkins	Warren Thornton	30 W 31 W	W At home	Mill work Mechanic	Campton	Florence Wightman William O'Hearn	Boston Mass Canada	Athletic coach Housewife	1	Samuel Lowe Clergyman
Aug 23	Woodstock	Louis Landry Bernice Sweeney	Thornton Thornton	48 W 46 W	W Housewife	Woodsman	Orford	Dana J. Bean Nellie Wright	England Piermont	Deceased Housewife	1	E A Ramige Clergyman
Sept 7	Campton	Floyd G Danforth Virginia C Mielon	Thornton Ashland	21 W 20 W	W At home	Public Service	Thornton	Sadie McCormick Thophile Landry	Bancroft M E Lewiston Me	Farmer Housewife	1	Calder M Miller Clergyman
Oct 1	Woodstock	Eugene Superchi Irene M Downing	Lincoln Thornton	20 W 21 W	W Housework	Mill operator	Ashland	Oscar Jones Cora Carpenter	Woodstock Rethlehem	Farmer Housewife	1	Samuel Lowe Clergyman
Oct 16	Woodstock	David C Rodgers Dorothy E Ayotte	Thornton Woodstock	21 W 20 W	W Mill operator	Housework	Lincoln	George D Danforth Lillian Adams	Sandwich Thornton	Truck driver Housewife	1	Samuel Lowe Clergyman
Nov 24	Thornton	Robert Stewart Frederick C Bean	Thornton Thornton	25 W 19 W	U S Navy Radio shop		Manchester Saxton River Vt	Raymond J. Mickton Elmer Baker	Holyoke Mass Holderness	Mill operator Housewife	1	J C Muchmore Justice of Peace
								Doris Fox Marion Tobyne	Italy West Thornton	Housewife Farmer	1	North Woodstock
								David C Rodgers Annette Edgell	Ellsworth Campton	Mechanic Housewife	1	Robert Sharp Clergyman
								Albert Ayotte Arlene Benton	Thornton Rumford Me	Painter Housewife	1	Woodstock
								Robert Stewart Vera C Hamon	Rumney N Andover Mass	Housewife Mechanic	1	Robert Sharp Clergyman
								Allen L Bean Kathryn Keefe	Manchester Mt Holly Vt	Housewife Truck driver	1	Woodstock
									Rockingham Vt	Housewife		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Thornton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1946

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex and Cond	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months				Father	Mother		
Mar 22	Plymouth	Lester Knowles	45	10	Bridgewater	M	Gen labor	Thornton	Plymouth	Otis Knowles	Lucy Evans
June 24	Concord	Nellie Ames	78	3	Holderness	F	Housewife	Holderness	Dover	Nehemiah Evans	Cardena Taylor
Aug 18	Hanover	Arbittia Boyce	85	2	Lincoln	F	Housewife	Lincoln	Gilmanton	Stephen Russell	Eunice Hanson
Dec 8	Thornton	Martha Hackett	75	11	Unknown	F	Housewife	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

School Report

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Thornton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the eleventh day of March 1947, at one o'clock in the afternoon or immediately following town meeting to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Thornton this tenth day of February 1947.

FLORENCE STEELE,
NELLIE ADAMS,
EVA S. GRAY,
School Board of Thornton.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FLORENCE STEELE,
NELLIE ADAMS,
EVA S. GRAY,
School Board of Thornton.

THORNTON SCHOOL BOARD

School Board

Florence Steele

Nellie Adams

Eva S. Gray

Treasurer and Clerk

Irma Sullivan

Auditor

Frances Avery

Superintendent of Schools

Arthur S. Rollins

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

For Year Ending June 30, 1946

1945

Received from selectmen, appropriation \$ 3,500.00

Received from Scott Foresman & Co., refund 12.68

1946

Received from selectmen, appropriation \$ 2,645.75

Received from Rumney School District for books 4.59

Received from State treasurer 2,400.64

Received from Noyes Ins. Agency, dividends 9.00

Total receipts \$ 8,572.66

Cash on hand June 30, 1945 \$ 158.15

\$ 8,730.81

Total payments \$ 8,541.10

\$ 189.71

IRMA SULLIVAN,
District Treasurer, Thornton.

FINANCIAL REPORT
For Fiscal Year Ending, June 30, 1946

Receipts

State and Federal Aid	
Equalization fund for elementary schools (from state)	\$ 2,400.64
National forest reserve (school's half from selectmen)	254.45
Income from Local Taxation	
For support elementary schools	\$ 2,333.24
For payment high school and academy tuitions	1,400.00
For salaries district officers	200.00
For payment of truant officers and school census	25.00
For payment superintendent's excess salary	159.15
For payment per capita tax	206.00
Other obligations imposed by law or established by district	175.00
Balance of previous appropriation from selectmen	1,251.61
From Sources Other Than Taxation	
Dog licenses from selectmen	141.30
Sale of books	4.59
Other receipts	21.68
Total receipts from all sources	<hr/> \$ 8,572.66
Cash on hand beginning of year July 1, 1945	\$ 158.15
	<hr/> \$ 8,730.81

Auditors Certificate

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Thornton of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANCES AVERY,

July 15, 1946.

Auditor.

Payments

	General	High	Elemen- tary
Administration			
Salaries of district officers	\$ 200.00		
Superintendent's excess salary	159.15		
Truant officer and school census	10.00		
Expenses of administration	94.03		
Instruction			
Principals' and teachers' salaries			\$ 3,839.00
Text books			146.12
Scholars' supplies			198.83
Flags and appurtenances			9.30
Other expenses of instruction			9.36
Operation and Maintenance of			
School Plant			
Janitor service			222.00
Fuel			206.75
Water, light, janitor's supplies			90.84
Minor repairs and expenses			323.35
Auxiliary Agencies and			
Special Activities			
Medical inspection			
health supervision			195.99
Transportation of pupils			946.00
High school and academy tuition	1,349.79		
Elementary school tuition			225.00
Other special activities			16.11

Fixed Charges

Tax for state wide supervision	206.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	88.97

**Outlay for Construction
and Equipment**

New equipment	4.51
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Total payments for all purposes	\$ 8,541.10
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1946)	189.71
Grand total	<u>\$ 8,730.81</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, June 30, 1946

Cash on hand, June 30, 1946	\$ 189.71
Accounts Due the District:	
From town	\$ 814.00
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,003.71</u>
Grand total	<u>\$ 1,003.71</u>

Liabilities, June 30, 1946

Excess of assets over liabilities	\$ 1,003.71
Surplus	\$ 1,003.71
Grand total	<u>\$ 1,003.71</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Administration

Salaries District Officers

Irma Sullivan	\$	40.00	
Florence Steele		80.00	
Nellie Adams		40.00	
Eva S. Gray		40.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 200.00

Superintendent's excess salary	\$	159.15
Truant officer and school census		10.00
Expense of administration		94.03

Instruction

Carolyn Stevens	\$	1,400.00	
Mildred Thompson		1,206.50	
Christie Caldon		1,200.00	
Olive Benton		32.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 3,839.00

Text Books

146.12

Scholars' Supplies

198.83

Flags

9.30

Other Expense of Instruction

9.36

Janitor Service

222.00

Fuel

Smith Merrill	\$	193.50	
Eda Steele		5.50	
Mrs. John Tyler		4.00	
Mildred Thompson		3.75	
		<hr/>	\$ 206.75

Water, Lights and Janitor Supplies

90.84

Minor Repairs and Expenses

323.35

Medical Inspection	195.99
Transportation of Pupils	946.00
High School Tuition	1,349.79
Elementary School Tuition	225.00
Other Special Activities	16.11
Insurance	70.00
New Equipment	4.51
Teachers' Retirement	18.97
Per Capita Tax	206.00
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	\$ 8,541.10
Cash on hand	\$ 189.71
Grand total	<hr/>
	\$ 8,730.81

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1947-1948

Support of Schools

Teachers' salaries	\$ 5,250.00	
Text books	240.00	
Scholars' supplies	265.00	
Flags and appurtenances	15.00	
Other expenses of instruction	65.00	
Janitor service	275.00	
Fuel	400.00	
Water, light and janitor supplies	175.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	250.00	
Health supervision	220.00	
Transportation of pupils	2,000.00	
Payment of elementary tuition	200.00	
Other special activities	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 9,580.00

Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries district officers	\$ 200.00	
Truant officer and school census	25.00	
High school tuition	2,820.00	
Superintendent's excess salary	250.00	
Per capita tax	158.00	
Retirement assessment	160.00	
Other obligations	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,733.00
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		\$13,313.00

Estimated Income

Estimated balance	\$ 100.00	
State aid	2,464.00	
Dog tax	90.00	
Forest reserve	160.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,814.00
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Assessment required to balance school board's budget		\$14,499.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Thornton School Board:

I hereby submit my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Thornton. If Board Members or Thornton people desire detailed information about our schools which is not found in this report, they are urged to request it from me.

1947-1948 School Budget

The 1947-1948 school budget to be presented by the School Board will be of interest to all people of the town. It is necessarily a larger budget than ever submitted in previous years. In that respect it reflects an upward trend both of personal services and of materials.

If the town is to maintain a quality of teaching which everyone should desire for his children, an increase in teachers' salaries must be provided. Not only has the teacher shortage greatly reduced the number of available teachers but it has at the same time opened to teachers opportunities for work in schools having fewer grades than our rural schools. The only effective competition we can offer is in the salary fields.

The cost of supplies will also make necessary an increased allowance in those items. For the current school year we paid 44c. per package for composition paper as against a recent quotation of 65c. White practice paper cost us 30c. a package in 1946 will cost us at least 43½c. for next year. Plain manila paper will cost 42c. as against 35c. in 1946.

Scholars' Supplies

We carry the amounts paid for workbooks in reading, spelling, English and geography as scholars' supplies because they are used up in the course of one year, and these items all will reflect higher paper costs. It seems to me that we shall be safe only if we increase our allowance for scholars' supplies by at least one-third.

Text Books

As pointed out a year ago, our text book equipment has been brought to a very satisfactory point beyond which heavy expenditures need not be made. Geographies were changed for almost all classes at the beginning of the present year and the remaining changes needed will be made when schools open next September. The new plan of geography allows for completion of that work in Grade 7 thus giving us an opportunity to offer science in Grade 8. Science books therefore, will be the only general book purchase necessary besides the usual orders for replacements and filling out partial sets to take care of larger grade enrollments from year to year.

Mad River School

For a long time last summer it seemed very likely that Mad River School would have to be closed this year and the pupils transferred to Campton and Thornton Center. However, it was possible to secure the services of two teachers each one of whom agreed to take charge of the school for approximately one-half year. Mrs. Leona Edgell of West Campton taught school from September through mid-year. Mrs. Olive Benton will take charge from mid-year until the close of school. The teacher shortage may eventually compel a closing of that school but I believe every effort should be made to keep it open until such time as Thornton is ready and able to give serious consideration to a consolidation of schools.

Future School Possibilities

I recommend that the Thornton School Board and the people of the town give careful thought to the possibility of ultimate consolidation of their schools. Such a step cannot be taken until the town is in a position to construct a single building large enough to accommodate all of the school children. When and if that step is taken I believe it will be very much to the advantage of all our pupils. This suggestion is not made with the idea that the school cost can be reduced by consolidation. There would be elimination of some expense items and reduction in others but the general

over all picture would remain without material change. Such a plan would be of educational advantage to children because of larger grade groups and because so many things could be done for them which are not now practicable in individual schools. Furthermore, teachers could render more efficient service because each teacher would have fewer grades and obviously could do more thorough work in each one. If the supply of trained teachers continues to fall so far short of demand, our chances of securing competent teachers would be much better than they can possibly be in a rural school situation.

This proposal is made neither with the idea nor in the hope that it can soon be adopted, but mainly to direct public thinking along those lines which may eventually provide better educational service for the entire town.

The Superintendent wishes here to express his appreciation of the friendly co-operation which has always existed in his relations with the School Board and all parents of Thornton.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,

Superintendent of Schools.

THORNTON SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1947-1948

Term Begins	Term Ends	No. Weeks	No. School Days	Days of No School
September 3, 1947	December 19, 1947	16	71	7
December 29, 1947	February 20, 1948	8	38	2
March 1, 1948	April 16, 1948	7	35	0
April 26, 1948	June 4, 1948	6	29	1
		37	173	10

Expected Days of No School

September 10, Fair; 2 days in October, Convention; November 10 and 11, Armistice; November 27 and 28, Thanksgiving; January 1 and 2, New Year; May 31, Memorial Day.

This calendar is drawn up allowing a double holiday by including Monday or Friday with Tuesday or Thursday on which a legal holiday falls. A single detached school day serves for hardly more than book-keeping purposes and has little school value.

The Commissioner of Education has ruled that 172 days shall be a minimum school year to comply with legal requirements. Emergencies, therefore, that are not made up by Saturday sessions might mean an extension of the school year beyond June 4, 1948, to include 172 days.

ENROLLMENT IN THORNTON SCHOOLS 1945-1946

Grade	Boys	Girls	Totals
1	2	6	8
2	6	2	8
3	8	1	9
4	3	4	7
5	2	3	5
6	2	3	5
7	6	4	10
8	2	4	6
Total	31	27	58

1946 GRADUATES OF THORNTON SCHOOLS

Robert Theodore Hanson	Helen Elaine Benton
Betty June Anderson	Jessie Jeanette McDonald
Mary Ann Uhlman	

PUPILS HAVING PERFECT ATTENDANCE

For the School Year 1945-1946

Richard Merrill	Bernard Merrill	Harry Gilman
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TEACHERS IN THORNTON SCHOOLS, 1946-1947

West Thornton

Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson	Grades 1-8
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Center

Carolyn T. Stevens	Grades 1-8
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Mad River

Mrs. Leona Edgell (1st half year)	Grades 1-8
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Mrs. Olive Benton (2nd half year)	Grades 1-8
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THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Year 1945-1946

School	Teacher	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Per Cent Attendance	Visits by Superintendent	Visits by School Board
West Thornton						
	Mrs. Christie B. Caldon	24	22.15	88.39	21	6
Center						
	Carolyn T. Stevens	22	20.08	94.02	26	3
Mad River						
	Mrs. Mildred E. Thompson	12	12.00	94.08	15	1
		58	54.23	92.16	62	10

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Thornton School Board:

I herewith submit the report of school nursing from September 1945 to July 1946:

Children inspected	57
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Symptoms of defects found:

Dental	15
Vision	4
Tonsils	9
Glands	3
Underweight	2

Corrections reported made:

Dental	12
Tonsil operations	3

Vision—2 new glasses; 2 lenses changed.

Two Toxioid Clinics were held at Campton Village at which 30 inoculations were given to Thornton school children. 26 inoculations were given to pre-school children from Thornton.

These clinics were sponsored by the State Board of Health and State Board of Education.

46 school calls, 75 home calls and 51 business calls were made by the nurse.

The inspection in the Fall of 1946 showed the following symptoms of defects:

Children inspected	57
Dental defects	20
Vision defects	3
Tonsils	10
Glands	5
Underweight	3

There has been very little illness among the school children to date and the attendance has been very good.

The interest and co-operation of all concerned with the Health of the school children is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. LOVETT, R. N.

School Nurse.

